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1. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON U.S.
POSITION ON NON-REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE AFRICAN DEVELOP-
MENT BANK PER REFTEL.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS TO
MLLE MOEVUS:

(1) U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTS AFDB AND INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE

POSITIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN NEGOTIATIONS ON NON-
AFRICAN MEMBERSHIP.

(2) WHILE U.S. HAS NOT DEVELOPED FIRM POSITION ON ALL OF
THE ISSUES, SEVERAL PROPOSED CONDITIONS FOR NON-AFRICAN
MEMBERSHIP MIGHT CAUSE DIFFICULTIES AND REQUIRE MORE
DETAILED EXAMINATION AND CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS.
SPECIFICALLY, PROPOSAL THAT NON-AFRICAN STATES HAVE ONE-
THIRD OF TOTAL VOTES IN BANK AND THREE OUT OF 12 BANK
DIRECTORS MAY NOT PROVIDE NON-AFRICAN STATES WITH SUFFICIENT
VOICE IN SHAPING AFDB POLICIES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY CAN
BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE BULK OF BANK'S USABLE RESOURCES

(I.E. PAID-IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY AND HIGH-QUALITY
CALLABLE CAPITAL).

(3) OTHER ISSUES WHICH U.S. BELIEVES WILL HAVE TO BE
ADDRESSED IN COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDE SIZE OF BANK
CAPITAL INCREASE IN LIGHT OF ITS ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY,
LOCAL CURRENCY COMPONENT OF AFRICAN PAID-IN CAPITAL, AND
IMPORTANCE OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFDB OPERATIONS.
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